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Will the populists indorse Bryan?

McKinley's triumph is democratic  
opportunity.—*New York World.*

Now that the democratic national  
convention has been held it is time to  
call the state convention to nominate a  
man who will defeat Jack M'Coll.

The A. P. A. element fought Bland  
because his wife and daughters are  
Catholics. He says that if he was as  
good a Christian as his wife he would  
never despair of reaching heaven.

Hon. W. J. Bryan, of Nebraska, was  
the unanimous choice of the Chicago  
convention for president. Now for a  
square fight. Will the convention which  
meets at St. Louis on the 22nd do the  
right thing?—*Hay Springs Leader.*

Fifty years ago the ground upon  
which Des Moines, the capital of Iowa,  
now stands, was occupied by a United  
States military post with a garrison of  
100 men and half a dozen of Indian  
traders. The country north of that  
point to the north line of Minnesota  
was wholly occupied by wild tribes of  
Indians.

The republicans insist upon having  
a protective tariff to keep out British  
goods and in the next breath they say  
this country must not coin free silver  
without the consent of England. Why  
should this country ask England's con-  
sent to coin silver any more than we  
should ask her consent to enact a pro-  
tective tariff law?—*O'Neill Sun.*

The Rushville Democrat has been  
conditionally sold to a republican, and  
if the necessary conditions materialize  
that paper will change hands in the  
near future, and in that case the  
democrats of Sheridan county will  
have no organ. Then if it should  
occur that Silver Dick becomes Grover  
Cleveland's successor at the white  
house there might be sorrowful tears  
shed.—*Rushville Standard.*

Those who claim that a high pro-  
tective tariff will increase the price of  
potatoes are respectfully referred to  
the crop statistics of last year to find  
the reason for the present low price of  
the tubers. The yield for 1894 was  
179,787,000 bushels, and the imports  
3,002,000 bushels. For 1895 the yield  
was 400,000,000 bushels and the im-  
ports 1,341,000 bushels. Perhaps this  
will explain the low price.

Developments in Chicago now indi-  
cate that Hon. W. J. Bryan, whom  
every true patriot of this state delights  
to honor, may be the choice of the  
Chicago convention for president. Every  
monetary reformer of the west  
would be pleased with such a happy  
result, and be much better pleased if  
only one electoral ticket could be  
placed in the field against Bill McKin-  
ley, the golden calf we are all asked to  
worship.—*Falls City Populist.*

The Detroit Tribune, a republican  
paper which does not support the St.  
Louis platform gives a few political  
definitions as follows:

Democracy: Something republican  
leaders are emulous to imitate.

Honest money: Money designed for  
the payment of debts and of double  
the value of the money borrowed.

International agreement: A polite  
term signifying till hell freezes over.

Rothchilds: A foreign potent whose  
influence in the United States is great-  
er by far than that of Leo XIII.

Standard Money: Something which  
not one politician in a dozen can de-  
fine.

## THE CONVENTION, THE CANDIDATES, THE PLAT- FORM AND THE PROSPECTS.

The National Convention of the Democratic Party met in the  
city of Chicago July 7th, and adjourned July 11th after adopting a  
platform and nominating candidates for President and Vice President  
of these United States. Following is a brief record of the work of  
the convention:

For President—WILLIAM J. BRYAN, of Nebraska.

For Vice President—ARTHUR SEWALL, of Maine.

Platform—Principally free silver.

A full report of the convention, including the platform and the  
various nominating speeches will be found on the inside pages of this  
paper. Bryan was nominated on the fifth ballot, 162 votes not being  
cast. Sewall was nominated on the fifth ballot Saturday.

While the declaration of the convention in favor of the free, in-  
dependent and unlimited coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1 is  
in direct opposition to the views of THE DEMOCRAT as repeatedly ex-  
pressed, yet this paper cannot but feel proud of the fact that "our  
own" Billy Bryan received the nomination from the greatest political  
organization ever known, the democratic party. Handsome, refined,  
genial, educated, and eloquent, possessing a quick perception and a  
power to sway men and audiences, he is a man who appeals to all  
classes of people. His magnetic personality will win for him many  
friends which his free silver views might otherwise repel.

Just now his election seems a foregone conclusion, provided the  
populists at St. Louis endorse him. This it seems will be done, as  
most of the leaders favor the move. The republicans will labor hard  
to prevent it and the rumored "\$20,000,000 campaign fund" may be  
tapped for the occasion.

There was no bolt from the convention, but a sound money can-  
didate will be put in the field. This it is thought will help Bryan by  
drawing strength from McKinley. No intelligent forecast of the  
probable result of the election can be made for at least a month.

The campaign this fall is going to be a hot one, and many democ-  
rats will do as Horace Greeley did with Winfield Scott: "Support  
the candidate but spit upon the platform." Very few democrats will  
support McKinley. He is too much tariff and too little sound money.  
Of the two, democrats will choose Bryan.

We fought a good fight; we were whipped; we won't sulk.

The Newport Republican says: "A  
G. A. R. reunion should be run as a  
chautauqua or any other educational  
gathering. The people attend the re-  
union for their love of country and  
out of respect for the old soldiers. It  
is for the old soldier a social gathering,  
and for the young people an educa-  
tional instruction. A reunion is not ex-  
pected to furnish a sporting program  
or side shows to detract from the real  
object of the gathering. It needs a  
great deal of labor and unnecessary  
expense to undertake so much and is  
really a damage to the reunion." From  
all of which this paper infers: that the  
reunion at Newport last week was not  
to the Republican's taste. Bro. Witte  
ought to have said all that before, not  
directly after the reunion.

The Nebraska State Sunday School  
Convention will be held in First M. E.  
Church, Omaha, July 28-30, 1896.  
Every Sunday School in the state is en-  
titled to three delegates including its  
Superintendent and Pastor. Enter-  
tainment will be provided for all de-  
legates presenting proper credentials.  
Reduced rates of one and one-third  
fare have been granted by all railroads  
in Nebraska. Prominent Sunday  
School workers of other states are ex-  
pected to be in attendance. For a  
copy of programme or blank creden-  
tials, address, E. J. Wightman, Secre-  
tary, York, Nebraska.

With profuse apologies to the Ali-  
ance Pioneer Grip we remark that if  
you want to keep posted, read THE  
DEMOCRAT. It tells you who has, who  
is, and who will, get married, and to  
whom; notices births and deaths; cau-  
tions the reckless and advises the un-  
sophisticated; praises your good deed  
and condemns all infringement of the  
law; tell you when where and what to  
buy, and how to make the most of  
your purchases; in fact, it's the moral  
and religious monitor of this section—  
a shining light unto all beholders.  
Come on everybody, subscribe for THE  
DEMOCRAT.

Who says Nebraska isn't in it in  
politics this year? There is Bentley,  
for president on the National Prohibi-  
tion ticket. Thurston was chairman  
of the republican national convention.  
Bryan for president on the democratic  
ticket. Allen will be a powerful fac-  
tor in the populist convention at St.  
Louis. Should the gold men put a  
ticket in the field J. Sterling Morton  
will be to the front. What's the mat-  
ter with a showing like that?

A Chicago policeman arrested a  
young woman and her husband the  
other day because they had kissed  
each other in the public street as they  
were about to part. The sight of a  
man kissing his own wife is more than  
a Chicago policeman can stand.

All eyes are turned upon St. Louis  
as upon the action of the St. Louis  
convention depends the success of Mc-  
Kinley. The republicans will open  
a bar to prevent the endorsement of  
Bryan.

Ever since THE DEMOCRAT has  
been run by the present management  
it has been in receipt of numerous re-  
quests that it run a stock brand de-  
partment, and if enough subscribers to  
the department can be secured it will  
do so. The value of stock brand ad-  
vertising has been fully demonstrated,  
and the value of this paper as an ad-  
vertising medium is becoming so ap-  
parent that it needs no discussion.  
Bring on your stock brands.

Speaking of the probable result of  
the coming election the Sioux City  
Tribune says:

"Mr. Teller will probably advise sup-  
port of Bryan. This means support by  
silver republicans in every hamlet in  
the country. It means support of him  
by the populists almost in mass. Let  
republicans take their pencils and run  
over the list of states which may be  
carried by a combination of the democ-  
ratic, populist and silver republican  
vote. This study will give the judicious,  
at least, reason to think something  
else than ridicule is required."

An eastern exchange says: "Every  
bloated millionaire lolling in his easy  
chair, resting from the arduous task of  
clipping coupons, is deeply sympa-  
thetic with poor men over the results of  
free coinage. Marshal Field, the rich  
merchant of Chicago; Chauncey Depew,  
the well-paid attorney of the Vander-  
bilts; Carnegie, the multi-millionaire  
iron man of Pittsburgh, all on their  
way to Europe for a pleasure trip, stop  
on the gang plank long enough to pity  
the poor man if free silver wins. Isn't  
it a burlesque on statesmanship, on  
politics, to think of it seriously?"

The complacency with which some  
of the republican organs invite sound  
money democrats to come over into  
the McKinley camp on that issue is en-  
tirely unwarranted by the situation.  
We may put aside the question of Mc-  
Kinley's sincerity in support of the  
gold standard; he may or may not act  
in the spirit of the platform on which  
he has been nominated. But in the  
matter of a tariff for the profit of "fat-  
frying" monopolies he is in thorough  
agreement with the platform and with  
his party, and everyone knows what is  
to be expected on this line in the case  
of republican success. To ask democ-  
rats to support a candidate and a plat-  
form which is pledged to legislation in  
behalf of private interests, to increase  
private fortunes at the cost of the peo-  
ple through a tariff tax upon industry,  
is too much.—*Poston Post.*

## WHAT THEY SAY.

The nomination of Bryan came with  
such a suddenness and was so unlook-  
ed for by the majority of our people,  
that THE DEMOCRAT has taken pains  
to ascertain the sentiment of the lead-  
ing men of all parties in Valentine re-  
garding his candidacy and the plat-  
form upon which he stands. Among  
the democrats we find the following  
who are willing to go on record:

W. E. Haley—With the endorse-  
ment of the populist convention Bryan  
will be a winner. Without it, on a 16  
to 1 platform his defeat is certain.

A. E. Thacher—I have been oppo-  
sed to the 16 to 1 movement, but I will  
support the democratic nominee.

W. S. Jackson—Bryan is a man  
whom I admire in every way, but his  
financial views do not harmonize with  
mine. He will probably win.

W. W. Thompson—Bryan is all  
right.

F. Fischer—Since a free silver man  
was to be nominated, I am glad it was  
Bryan. A stronger man could not  
have been put up.

Martin Christensen—I led the pro-  
cession which started the stampede for  
Bryan. Free silver at 16 to 1 I have  
always advocated, and the candidate  
on that platform is a winner. The  
populists at St. Louis will endorse  
Bryan.

M. Clynes—Bryan is and was my  
choice and he is sure of election. The  
platform could not be better.

T. C. Hornby—While Bryan's silver  
views do not harmonize with my  
financial opinions, under the circum-  
stances it was the best nomination  
that could be made.

When THE DEMOCRAT asked the  
various populists around town for  
their opinion, the following replies  
were made:

D. H. Thurston—The populist con-  
vention should make their own plat-  
form and nominate Bryan. This will  
preserve the autonomy of the party  
and insure a free silver victory.

W. A. Pettycrew—The populists  
should not endorse Bryan or any other  
man outside of the populist party.  
Free silver is not the only issue in the  
coming campaign.

J. W. Whillans—I am for Bryan and  
free silver and think the populists  
should support him.

G. P. Crabb—He's all right, both as  
a man and as an advocate of free sil-  
ver.

Levi Sparks—If Bryan expects  
populist support he should have united  
with the populist party.

Among the republicans various  
opinions were expressed, the general  
feeling appearing to be a commingled  
mixture of sorrow and joy. Sorrow  
that Bryan is not a republican, joy  
that he is a Nebraskan. A few talk-  
ed, more were silent. These are the  
opinions heard:

J. C. Pettijohn—I am proud of  
Bryan as a Nebraska man, but don't  
believe he stands any show of election,  
either with or without populist en-  
dorsement.

J. W. Tucker—Bryan is not heavy  
enough to fill the position, and I can't  
endorse 16 to 1.

E. J. Davenport—In my opinion the  
Chicago convention was composed of  
anarchists, and it's 16 to 1 that Bryan  
will be defeated.

E. E. Sparks—I am not specially  
favorable to the Bryan movement and  
think the wisest move the democrats  
can make is to nominate another can-  
didate.

J. H. Yeast—Bryan is all right on  
the money question. His only defect  
is that he is not a republican.

Who promised a boom as soon as  
McKinley was nominated, pray tell?  
Nobody. No reasonable man, democ-  
rat or republican, expects a boom till  
after McKinley is inaugurated and re-  
publicans have had a chance to undo  
unwise and pernicious democratic leg-  
islation and put some good, sound,  
sensible boom-begetting legislation in  
its place.—*Sanborn Pioneer.*

Hanna promised a return of better  
times "immediately" after McKinley  
was nominated. Mr. Hanna was mis-  
taken, evidently. Mortal man is liable  
to mistakes and we can charge up Mr.  
Hanna's break to an oversupply of en-  
thusiasm over the prospects of his iron  
business when McKinley is elected.  
But why cannot the business interests  
anticipate eight months ahead just as  
easily as we are told they did two  
years ahead of any democratic tariff  
enactment? We were going to have a  
democratic tariff, you say, therefore  
the country collapsed at once. Now  
you say we are going to have McKin-  
ley and high tariff, therefore why  
should not the country at once go on  
the mend?

Choose the lesser evil.

The Argus Leader of Sioux Falls,  
the only democratic daily in South  
Dakota, has decided to support Mc-  
Kinley in view of the free silver plank  
in the democratic platform. Democ-  
rats will doubt whether the Argus  
Leader ever was a democratic paper.

Ex-Governor Robert M. Pattison, of  
Pennsylvania, who was a sound money  
candidate for the presidential nomina-  
tion at Chicago and as such received a  
liberal support, said before a nomina-  
tion had been made, that after the  
nomination of a silver man the gold  
men should support him. Continuing  
he said: "I would rather suffer the ill  
I now have than fly to others I know  
not of. Why should I associate with a  
party that offers no other inducement  
than abuse?"

The corn liar is getting in his work  
again this year, as evidenced by the  
following from the Correctionville  
News: "The rapidity with which corn  
has grown the past week is illustrated  
by the experience of a farmer living  
north of town. He had a piece of corn  
which is late, and last Monday when  
he started to cultivate it he put the  
guards onto the cultivator. He had  
only got a few rods when the corn had  
grown sufficiently to make the guards  
unnecessary, and the farmer stopped to  
take them off. He again started  
across the field, but did not get more  
than half way to the further side before  
he was breaking down the corn so badly  
that he decided to quit. He started  
back for the house, but the corn soon  
hid it from view, and he was lost. He  
turned the team loose and thought  
he could find his way out. He wand-  
ered around for some hours and finally  
got into a piece of timber adjoining  
the cornfield, but as the trees were  
thick he did not notice the difference  
until he came to the river, when some  
familiar landmarks told him where he  
was, and he got home just as a search-  
ing party was starting to find him."

## THE PRESTON MYSTERY.

THE DEMOCRAT's mystery story will  
be commenced next week, and great  
interest is already being manifested  
among the readers of this paper. The  
first instalment of the story is now in  
the hands of the editor, and the re-  
maining instalments are in course  
of preparation. This is the first time  
in the history of newspaperdom that a  
country paper has undertaken to pre-  
sent to its readers a story of this char-  
acter, and the result of the experiment  
is awaited with anxiety. The paper  
does not expect to make any money  
out of this venture, and simply does it  
for the benefit of its readers and the  
advertising it will give the paper.

Since last week it has been decided  
to add two more prizes to the list, so  
that there will be a greater chance of  
winning if you enter the competition,  
which promises to be lively. The list  
of prizes is as follows:

For the best solution—\$5.00.

For the second best solution—\$3.00.

For the third best solution—\$2.00.

For the fourth best solution—One  
year's subscription to THE DEMOCRAT  
to be sent to any address required.

For the fifth best solution—Six  
months' subscription to THE DEMO-  
CRAT.

All that is necessary for you to do to  
become a competitor is to send one  
dollar for a year's subscription to THE  
VALENTINE DEMOCRAT from July 1st  
1896, or some later date.

All those who are in arrears on sub-  
scription may become competitors by  
paying such arrearages and a year in  
advance.

The competition is open to the world  
under these terms.

Should you wish to send in more  
than one solution, you may do so, pro-  
vided each solution is accompanied by  
a year's subscription. Have the paper  
sent to friends in the east. They will  
appreciate the gift.

Subscriptions received at any time,  
as all who pay in advance from July  
1st may enter the competition.

No one connected with THE DEMO-  
CRAT will be allowed to compete.

Two weeks' time will expire between  
the publishing of the last instalment  
and the final chapter which solves the  
mystery of the story, and the final  
chapter will not be written until all so-  
lutions are received. This will preclude  
the possibility of anyone but the au-  
thor knowing the solution, and as the  
solutions will not be opened except in  
the presence of witnesses all will be  
absolutely fair.

The author, Mr. Lettice Leach, has  
devoted considerable time to evolution  
of the story, and it will undoubtedly be  
the best of the many good things he  
has written.

## THE NEBRASKA PARADE.

The Knights of Al-Sar-Pen will  
again give their series of Annual Pa-  
rades during the State Fair, which will  
be held in Omaha from August 31st to  
September 5th, 1896.

The Nebraska Parade will take place  
on Wednesday evening, September 2nd,  
and each town and county in the state  
is invited to enter a float for this pa-  
rade, which will be a representative  
feature of the locality. As an induc-  
ement to those entering floats for this  
parade aim at the highest excellence,  
the prizes have been increased as com-  
pared with last year. The following  
is a list of prizes offered for 1896, to  
be distributed as follows:

First Prize, for best float, \$200.00.

Second Prize, for 2nd best float,  
\$150.00.

Third Prize, for 3rd best float,  
\$100.00.

Fourth Prize, for 4th best float  
\$50.00.

Douglas County will be barred from  
participating in prize money. The  
Committee has arranged with the rail-  
way companies to floats which are to  
be entered for this parade to and from  
Omaha free of charge. We further  
agree to furnish one team of horses to  
haul each float during the parade on  
the streets of Omaha, and to render  
any other assistance in the way of un-  
loading and leading floats on cars and  
storing them for 24 hours prior to pa-  
rade. E. E. Bryson, Chairman Parade  
Committee, 1612 Chicago street.

## OUR CORRESPONDENTS.

THE DEMOCRAT is proud of its corps  
of correspondents. No paper in the  
state has a larger or better staff of re-  
porters than this paper, therefore THE  
DEMOCRAT says once again it is proud  
of them. The latest addition to the  
ranks is "Brownlee Kid," and he is a  
daisy, too. The country correspond-  
ence department is one of the best  
and most interesting features of this  
paper. At present the paper has a re-  
presentative at Wood Lake, Fort Niobrara,  
Eli Precinct, Kennedy, Simeon,  
Kewanee, Oasis, Kilgore, Cody, Sparks  
and Brownlee. Pretty good list, isn't  
it? If your locality is not represented,  
write the editor about it and tell him  
who you think would be a good repre-  
sentative of the paper if you don't  
want it yourself. He will give them  
an opportunity to make a few dollars  
with very little exertion. Perhaps  
there will be a little competition to  
awaken the interest of the "boys and  
girls" this fall. We want the news of  
the entire county.

J. C. Northrop, F. E. & M. V. agent  
at this place, has received the follow-  
ing letter which may be of interest to  
the readers of THE DEMOCRAT:

All agents: As you are doubtless  
aware, the Nebraska State Fair and  
Exposition will be held at Omaha, Aug.  
27th to Sept. 5th, 1896.

It is possible that this company will  
make a collective exhibit of grain,  
fruits, vegetables, minerals, and other  
products of the country traversed by  
our lines of railroad, showing its re-  
sources and development. To this  
end will you please make such collec-  
tions of choice samples of grain, etc.,  
as you can, before harvest, and retain  
possession of them until you are in-  
structed as to their disposition? The  
grain should be cut full length, care-  
fully tied in bundles, and preserved in  
as good condition as possible.

It would be a good idea to call the  
attention of your people to this Fair,  
and urge them to preserve, before it is  
too late, samples of their products, for  
exhibition. We expect to transport  
exhibits to Omaha free, and will be  
glad to co-operate in every way possi-  
ble in making a good display.

Yours truly,  
K. C. MORRHOUSE, G. F. A.

The Macmillan Company call our at-  
tention to an opportune revision of The  
Science of Money, by Alexander Del  
Mar. Those who remember the wealth  
of financial fact which the book con-  
tains will be glad to have it brought  
to date. He is a staunch bimetalist,  
and his views on the evil influence of  
the demonetization of silver are well  
known. Here he points out the fund-  
amental principles which underlie  
them. His conclusion is that it is time  
in the general interest that the suicidal  
legislation of recent years be abandon-  
ed in favor of a scientific basis for the  
regulation of public currency. He  
offers suggestions to this end, thought-  
fully, not as solutions absolute, but in  
the hope that they may aid in the solu-  
tion of a difficult problem. A leading  
critical authority in England has spok-  
en of a part of this volume as "the  
finest efforts of analytic faculty in the  
whole range of economic literature."

The big fight is now on. Wait for  
the populist convention at St. Louis  
next week.